

- - CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation application of U.S. patent application  
(*now US, Patent No. 6,123,785 issued May 22, 2001*),  
serial No. 08/793,659, filed February 26, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part  
application of U.S. patent application serial No. 08/298,644, filed August 31,  
1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,543,428, issued August 6, 1996) and is a U.S  
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national phase counterpart of international application serial No.  
PCT/US95/11125, filed August 31, 1995, which claims priority to United  
States application serial No. 08/298,644, filed August 31, 1994, and German  
application serial No. P 44 32 563.0, filed September 13, 1994. - -

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment adding a cross reference to related applications is  
submitted to make a proper priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(a) to the related  
nonprovisional applications. Applicants submit that the application is entitled to favorable  
consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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